# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE OF ENRON PROJECTS
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Enron projects cleared by the Government;

(b) the names of the projects which have been implemented in Maharashtra; and

(c) the time by which the problem of shortage of power in the Maharashtra state at present is likely to be solved?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )
(a) & (b) : The Dabhol power project being implemented in Maharashtra by DabholPower Company which has a Power Purchase Agreement with the Maharashtra StateElectricity Board, is the only power project involving majority shareholding by Enron,which has been accorded Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).
(c) : Supply and distribution of electricity within a State is in the purview ofconcerned State Government/State Power Utility.The priority of power supply to various categories of consumers in the State is decided by the State Government, keepingin view the total availability of power from various sources in the State.
The Ministry of Power in the Government of India on its part is takingfollowing steps to augment availability of power and thereby mitigate shortage of power in the country :

(i) Besides capacity addition of 1944 MW in the State/Private Sector, generationcapacity of 2480 MW is proposed to be implemented in the Central Sector during 10th Plan period in the Western region in which the State will also have its entitlements.

(ii) Strengthening/augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution network of the state system for reduction in T&D losses and improving quality in power supply. Funds are being provided to States for undertaking schemes forstrengthening/augmentation of sub-transmission and distribution system under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP).

(iii) Establishment/strengthening of inter-regional transmission links for enhancement of inter-state and inter-regional transfer of power for optimal utilization of existing generation capacity in the country. Already, 220 KV Budhipadar-Korba project hasbeen commissioned which has enabled flow of surplus power from Eastern region to Western region.

(iv) Renovation, Modernisation and LifeExtension (R&M&LE) of old andinefficient generating units for improving generation performance. Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation will provide loanwith interest subsidy to Power Utilities for undertaking R&M&LE works under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP).

(v) Demand side management and Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vi) Strengthening/Augmentation of Transmission system and formation ofNational Grid by the end of 11th Plan which will facilitate smooth flow of power from surplus States/Region to deficit States/Region.